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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Berliner and Elrich

AN ACT to:

- (1) require [[a permit]] <u>certain persons to file, and the Department of Permitting Services to approve, a tree protection plan, and to obtain a right-of-way permit, for certain activities affecting roadside trees;</u>
- (2) require certain persons to plant certain trees and to pay into a roadside tree replacement fund under certain circumstances;
- (3) require the County Executive to adopt regulations specifying certain roadside tree protection, conservation, and replacement standards; and
- (4) generally amend the law regarding streets and roads.

By amending

Montgomery County Code

Chapter 2, Administration

Section 2-112

Chapter 8, Buildings

Section 8-26

Chapter 49, Streets and Roads

Sections 49-35 and 49-36

By adding

Chapter 19, Erosion, Sediment Control and Storm Water Management

Section 19-71

Chapter 49, Streets and Roads

Section 49-36A

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Added by amendment.

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Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 Sec. 1. Sections <u>2-112</u>, <u>8-26</u>, 49-35 and 49-36 are amended and [Section] Sections 19-71 and 49-36A [is] are added as follows: 2 3 2-112. Jurisdiction. 4 (c) The Board has the following appellate jurisdiction. 5 The Board must Those appeals involve: hear and decide each appeal taken under: Section 49-35 [[Permits for grading and construction]] Right-ofway permits 6 Conditions of permit. 7 8-26. 8 Tree protection. If any clearing, construction, or development allowed 9 (n) 10 by any permit issued under this Chapter would result in the trimming, 11 cutting, removal, or injury of any roadside tree (as defined in Section 49-35) or any tree located in a State right-of-way in the County, the 12 13 Director must not issue that permit until: (1) the applicant obtains a roadside tree care permit as necessary 14 15 from the State Department of Natural Resources; and **(2)** 16 the applicant has submitted, in connection with the permit applied 17 for under this Chapter, and the Director has approved, a sitespecific tree protection plan that meets the requirements of 18 19 Section 49-36A(d). 20 The Department must approve or reject each proposed plan within 30 days after receiving it. If the Department does not act on a proposed 21

22		plan within 30 days, the plan is approved by default. The Department
23		may require further information after a proposed plan is submitted, and
24		may extend this deadline once for an additional 15 days to receive any
25		needed information. The Department also may extend this deadline at
26		the request of the applicant.
27	<u>(o)</u>	Regulations. The Director may recommend, and the Executive may
28		adopt, regulations under Method (2) to specify standards and practices
29		needed to protect and maintain roadside trees, including construction
30		practices needed to prevent or minimize damage to roadside trees, under
31		subsection (n) These regulations must be at least as stringent as
32		applicable state roadside tree care standards and requirements.
33	<u>19-71.</u>	Tree Protection.
34	<u>(a)</u>	If any clearing, construction, or development allowed by any permit
35		issued by the Department of Permitting Services under this Chapter
36		would result in the trimming, cutting, removal, or injury of any roadside
37		tree (as defined in Section 49-35) or any tree located in a State right-of-
38		way in the County, the Director must not issue that permit until:
39		(1) the applicant obtains a roadside tree care permit as necessary
40		from the State Department of Natural Resources; and
41		(2) the applicant has submitted, in connection with the permit applied
42		for under this Chapter, and the Director has approved, a site-
43		specific tree protection plan that meets the requirements of
44		Section 49-36A(d), unless the applicant is engaged in an activity
45		described in Section 49-36A(b)(2).
46	<u>(b)</u>	The Department must approve or reject each proposed tree protection
47		plan within 30 days after receiving it. If the Department does not act on
48		a proposed plan within 30 days, the plan is approved by default. The

Department may require further information after a proposed plan is submitted, and may extend this deadline once for an additional 15 days to receive any needed information. The Department also may extend this deadline at the request of the applicant.

(c) The County Executive may adopt regulations under Method (2) to specify standards and practices needed to protect and maintain roadside trees, including construction practices needed to prevent or minimize damage to roadside trees, under this Section. These regulations must be at least as stringent as applicable state roadside tree care standards and requirements.

49-35. [Permits for grading and construction] <u>Right-of-way</u> [[and roadside tree work]] permit.

- (a) (1) A person must not construct any road, sidewalk, shared use path, curb and gutter, driveway, or drainage structure[, or]; begin any such construction (including clearing, grading, and tree cutting)[,]; or perform any tree work on any roadside tree (including removing a stump in a County right-of-way), without a permit from the Director of Permitting Services. Any permit issued for roadside tree work must comply with Section 49-36A. In this Article, "roadside tree" means any plant that has a woody stem or trunk which grows all, or in part, in the right-of-way of any County public road.
 - (2) In this Section and Sections 49-36, 49-36A, and 49-37, unless otherwise specified, Director refers to the Director of Permitting Services and Department refers to the Department of Permitting Services.

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76	(b)	The <u>Director must collect a fee, set by Method 3 regulation, for each</u>
77		right-of-way [[and roadside tree work]] permit application. However,
78		the Director must not collect a fee for any permit to remove:
79		(1) a tree that endangers a person or property; or
80		(2) a stump in the right-of-way.
81	<u>(c)</u>	* * *
82	[(c)]	(<u>d</u>) * * *
83	[(d)]	(e) Any violation of this Section is a Class A violation.
84	[(e)]	(f) [Half] The Director must refund half the fees required by this Section
85		[must be refunded] to the applicant if a permit is rejected or withdrawn
86		[prior to the commencement of] before construction begins. If an
87		applicant proposes to undertake a project using materials, standards, or
88		specifications superior to those required under this Article, the fees
89		charged must be computed on the estimated cost of the project as if it
90		met those requirements.
91	[(f)] <u>(</u>	<u>(g)</u> * * *
92	[(g)]	(<u>h</u>) * * *
93	<u>49-36A.</u>	Roadside tree work.
94	[[(a)	<u>Definitions.</u> In this Section, the following words have the meanings
95		<u>indicated:</u>
96		Certified arborist means a person who is certified as an arborist by the
97		International Society of Arboriculture or who the Director finds has an
98		equivalent level of experience and training.
99		Critical root zone means the minimum area beneath a tree (typically a
100		concentric circle not less than 1.5 feet per diameter/inch of the tree,
101		measured at 4.5 feet above ground level) that must be protected to

102	preserve sufficient root mass to give the tree a reasonable chance of
103	long-term survival.
104	Licensed tree expert means a person licensed under Title 5, Subtitle 4 of
105	the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code or any successor
106	provision.
107	Pesticide means a:
108	(1) chemical or biological preparation used to kill, inhibit, or
109	regulate growth on a targeted plant, plant spore, or plant seed,
110	including:
111	(A) an herbicide;
112	(B) an insecticide;
113	(C) <u>a tree growth regulator; and</u>
114	(D) <u>a fungicide;</u> or
115	(2) <u>substance or mixture of substances intended:</u>
116	(A) to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate a pest;
117	(B) for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant; or
118	(C) for use as a spray adjuvant, such as a wetting agent or
119	adhesive.
120	Recommended County tree list means a list of trees approved by the
121	Director after consulting the Chief of Tree Maintenance in the
122	Department of Transportation. The recommended tree list must include
123	each tree that the Department identifies as suitable for planting on
124	specific sites and conditions in the right-of-way of a public road.
125	Roadside tree means any single-stem plant that has a woody stem or
126	trunk that grows all, or in part, in the right-of-way of any County or
127	State public road or shared use trail. [[Roadside tree includes the tree's
128	critical root zone.]]

129	\underline{Tr}	<u>ee work means any activity affecting a roadside tree, including:</u>
130	<u>(1</u>	removal of a roadside tree or a remaining stump;
131	<u>(2</u>	planting pruning, root-pruning, or trimming a roadside tree;
132	<u>(3</u>	application of pesticide directly to or in the [[critical root zone
133		of]] right-of-way abutting a roadside tree;
134	<u>(4</u>	protection of a roadside tree; or
135	<u>(5</u>)	treatment that may adversely affect the health or growth of a
136		<u>roadside</u> <u>tree.</u>
137	<u>b) Ap</u>	pplicability; exceptions.
138	<u>(1)</u>	The following activities do not require a right-of-way and
139		<u>roadside</u> <u>tree</u> <u>work permit:</u>
140		(A) cutting or clearing a public utility right-of-way or land for
141		an electric generating station licensed under Sections 7-
142		204, 7-205, 7-207, or 7-208 of the Public Utilities Article
143		of the Maryland Code, or any successor provision, if:
144		(i) any required certificate of public convenience and
145		necessity has been issued under Section 5-1603(f) of
146		the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code
147		or any successor provision; and
148		(ii) the cutting or clearing is conducted in a way that
149		minimizes the loss of forest;
150		(B) routine maintenance of a public utility right-of-way, and
151		cutting or clearing any tree by a public utility as necessary
152		to comply with applicable vegetation management
153		requirements or to maintain, repair, replace, or upgrade
154		any public utility transmission or distribution line; or

155	(C) cutting or clearing a public utility right-of-way or land for
156	<u>a new transmission or distribution line.</u>
157 (2)	A licensed tree expert need not obtain a permit for work
158	performed on:
159	(A) <u>a tree that is uprooted or truncated because of a storm or</u>
160	vehicular collision;
161	(B) <u>a tree branch that is broken and contacts a telephone,</u>
162	cable television, electric power, or other wire carrying
163	electric current; or
164	(C) a tree or tree branch that a certified arborist or licensed
165	tree expert finds is endangering a person or property.
166 <u>(3)</u>	A certified arborist or licensed tree expert who provides tree
167	work under paragraph (2) must, within one week after an action
168	<u>is taken, give the Department:</u>
169	(A) notice of the property address, if available, and general
170	area where the action was taken; and
171	(B) a proposed plan to upgrade the work, if necessary, to the
172	tree work standards in this Section and applicable
173	<u>regulations.</u>
174	The Department must approve, modify, or reject the proposed
175	plan, after reviewing the actions taken, within 14 days after
176	receiving the information. If the Department does not act on the
177	proposed plan within 14 days, the plan is approved by default.
178	The Department may require further information, and may
179	extend this deadline once for an additional 15 days in
180	extenuating circumstances. The Director also may extend this
181	deadline at the request of the applicant.

182	<u>(c)</u>	<u>Right</u>	t-of-wa	<u> y and roadside tree work permit required.</u>
183		<u>(1)</u>	The I	<u>Department must not issue a building or related permit to an</u>
184			<u>appli</u>	icant for any demolition, clearing, pre-construction activity,
185			const	truction, or development that is likely to result in the
186			<u>trimn</u>	ning, pruning, root-pruning, cutting, removal, or injury of a
187			<u>road.</u>	<u>side tree unless the applicant first obtains a right-of-way and</u>
188			road.	side tree work permit from the Department.
189		<u>(2)</u>	[[<u>A</u>]]	Except as provided in subsection (b)(1), a right-of-way and
190			<u>road.</u>	side tree work permit is required for any tree work on a
191			<u>utilit</u>	y located <u>in a right-of-way, such as a:</u>
192			<u>(A)</u>	<u>sewer;</u>
193			<u>(B)</u>	water or gas pipe;
194			<u>(C)</u>	storm drain;
195			<u>(D)</u>	electric, telephone, or television cable or conduit;
196			<u>(E)</u>	<u>sidewalk;</u>
197			<u>(F)</u>	<u>driveway;</u>
198			<u>(G)</u>	sump pump;
199			<u>(H)</u>	gutter outflow line; or
200			<u>(1)</u>	roadway or similar structure.
201		<u>(3)</u>	A pe	rson may receive a right-of-way and roadside tree work
202			perm	it to perform tree work if the person:
203			<u>(A)</u>	holds title to the land where the roadside tree is located;
204			<u>(B)</u>	owns property abutting the right-of-way at the point where
205				<u>the</u> <u>tree</u> <u>is</u> <u>located</u>
206			<u>(C)</u>	is a government agency that has an easement for the
207				public right-of-way where the tree is located;
208			<u>(D)</u>	is responsible for providing tree care to the tree; or

209			<u>(E)</u>	<u>is an authorized agent of any of these.</u>
210	<u>(d)</u>	<u>Perm</u>	<u>iit</u> issu	ance and administration.
211		<u>(1)</u>	<u>After</u>	receiving an application for a right-of-way and roadside
212			<u>tree</u>	work permit, the Department may meet with the applicant
213			and c	conduct an on-site examination of the proposed tree work.
214		<u>(2)</u>	<u>The</u>	Department should consult with the Chief of Tree
215			Main	tenance in the Department of Transportation regarding any
216			<u>appli</u>	cation under which the applicant would perform tree work.
217		<u>(3)</u>	The I	Department may issue a permit if the applicant shows that
218			the p	roposed tree work is necessary to:
219			<u>(A)</u>	protect the health of the tree;
220			<u>(B)</u>	eliminate or reduce a hazard to property, public safety, or
221				<u>health;</u>
222			<u>(C)</u>	improve or prevent a deteriorated tree condition;
223			<u>(D)</u>	improve the overall appearance of the right-of-way; or
224			<u>(E)</u>	carry out a development which has received all other
225				applicable development approvals.
226		<u>(4)</u>	<u>The</u> <u>L</u>	Department may issue:
227			<u>(A)</u>	a permit for a specific tree or group of trees for specific
228				tree work for a term not to exceed 1 year after the permit is
229				issued; and
230			<u>(B)</u>	a permit for a comprehensive and continuing program of
231				general tree work.
232		<u>(5)</u>	<u>A per</u>	mit issued under paragraph (4)(B) must specify the types of
233			tree v	vork it covers, as allowed by the license of the person who
234			will st	upervise the program.

235		<u>(6)</u>	If the	<u>Department denies a permit application, the Department</u>
236			<u>must</u>	notify the applicant of the reason.
237		<u>(7)</u>	<u>The</u> <u>1</u>	Department may:
238			<u>(A)</u>	modify any term or condition of a permit to best achieve
239				the objectives of this Article; or
240			<u>(B)</u>	suspend or revoke a permit if the holder violates a
241				condition of the permit or a provision of this Section or the
242				Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code.
243	<u>(e)</u>	<u>Tree</u>	work p	performance; inspection; replacement.
244		<u>(1)</u>	<u>Each</u>	permittee must take all necessary measures to protect a
245			roads	side tree from damage during all phases of clearing,
246			const	ruction, or development of a building or other structure,
247			<u>inclu</u>	ding installing protective fencing, avoiding soil compaction,
248			and p	protecting critical root zones in the right-of-way.
249		<u>(2)</u>	A pe	rmittee <u>must repair</u> any damage <u>a tree</u> <u>sustains</u> during
250			const	ruction or development, including any broken limb, root, or
251			scarr	ed trunk, and any damage caused by soil compaction.
252		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	Before any bond filed with the Department under this
253				Chapter is released, or (if no bond has been filed) before
254				any certificate of occupancy or similar final approval is
255				issued, the Department must inspect each affected
256				roadside tree to determine, after consulting the Chief of
257				Tree Maintenance in the Department of Transportation,
258				whether the tree has a reasonable chance of achieving the
259				typical maximum age of a roadside tree in that location.
260			<u>(B)</u>	If the Department does not find that an affected tree has a
261				reasonable chance of achieving the typical maximum age

262			of a roadside tree in that location, or if the permittee has
263			removed a roadside tree, the Department must require the
264			permittee to pay an amount set by regulation into a tree
265			replacement fund maintained by the Department of
266			Transportation.
267		<u>(C)</u>	The amount of payment must be set by Method 3
268			regulation; must be proportionate to the cost of replacing
269			each affected tree, using a replacement ratio specified by
270			regulation that takes into account the survival rate of
271			newly-planted trees; must be computed according to the
272			size of the affected tree; may consider the species, age,
273			rarity, and historical value (if any) of the affected tree; and
274			must not be less than \$35 per circumference/inch of the
275			affected tree.
276		<u>(D)</u>	The permittee must pay the required amount within 30
277			days after the Director notifies the permittee that the
278			payment is required. The Director may treat any unpaid
279			funds as a lien on the property where the affected tree is
280			located, and must not issue a certificate of occupancy or
281			similar final approval for the site until full payment is
282			received.
283	\mathcal{O}	Use of pestion	<u>cides.</u>
284		$(1) \underline{Any} \underline{p}$	ermittee who applies a pesticide directly to a roadside tree
285		<u>must</u>	be certified and licensed as required by the State
286		<u>Depai</u>	rtment of Agriculture, and must comply with applicable
287		<u>state</u> <u>r</u>	regulations.

288		<u>(2)</u>	Any permittee who applies a pesticide must only use a pesticide
289			that is registered for that use by the U.S. Environmental
290			Protection Agency and the State Department of Agriculture. Any
291			permittee who applies a pesticide must follow the manufacturer's
292			label directions for proper use.
293		<u>(3)</u>	Before applying a pesticide, a permittee must notify the
294			Department of the approximate time and place of application.
295		<u>(4)</u>	Unless the Department directs otherwise, a permittee must not
296			apply an herbicide to a tree if the tree is 6 feet tall or higher.
297		<u>(5)</u>	A permittee must remove dead plant material resulting from the
298			application of an herbicide if removal is necessary for safety
299			reasons.
300		<u>(6)</u>	A permittee must take reasonable precautions in selecting and
301			applying a pesticide on or near a roadside tree to:
302			(A) avoid the use of an herbicide on vegetation that
303			contributes to soil retention, especially at a highway cut or
304			fill and any other area with a steep slope; and
305			(B) prevent stream pollution and damage to any adjoining
306			property.
307	(g)	Road	side tree planting.
308		<u>(1)</u>	Any tree that is planted on a public right-of-way must be of a
309			species and variety from the recommended County tree list and
310			must conform to the American Standard for Nursery Stock or
311			standards that the Director identifies as equivalent.
312		<u>(2)</u>	Each roadside tree planting must comply with a planting plan
313			approved by the Department after consulting the Chief of Tree

314		Maintenance in the Department of Transportation. The planting
315		plan must cover:
316		(A) stump removal, including a requirement to fill in any
317		resulting hole;
318		(B) size and type of planting stock;
319		(C) planting specifications;
320		(D) spacing;
321		(E) species;
322		(F) proximity to overhead wires;
323		(G) care and maintenance; and
324		(H) any other site consideration.
325	<u>(h)</u>	Regulations. The County Executive must adopt regulations under
326		Method 2 that are at least as stringent as applicable state roadside tree
327		standards and requirements. These regulations may specify further:
328		(1) <u>criteria for right-of-way and roadside tree work permit issuance;</u>
329		(2) roadside tree work standards and practices, including
330		construction practices that will minimize damage to roadside
331		<u>trees;</u>
332		(3) <u>criteria for the use of pesticides;</u> and
333		(4) roadside tree planting requirements.]]
334	<u>(a)</u>	Right-of-way permit required. The Department must not issue a
335		building or related permit to an applicant for any demolition, clearing,
336		pre-construction activity, construction, or development that is likely to
337		result in the trimming, pruning, root-pruning, cutting, or removal of, or
338		injury to, a roadside tree unless the applicant obtains a right-of-way
339		permit from the Department under Section 49-35.
340	(b)	Applicability; exceptions.

341	<u>(1)</u>	A pe	rson (including a government agency) may receive a right-
342		of-wa	ay permit to perform tree work on a roadside tree if the
343		perso	<u>n:</u>
344		<u>(A)</u>	holds title to the land where the roadside tree is located;
345		<u>(B)</u>	owns property abutting the right-of-way at the point where
346			the tree is located;
347		<u>(C)</u>	is a government agency that has an easement for the public
348			right-of-way where the tree is located;
349		<u>(D)</u>	is responsible for providing tree care to the tree;
350		<u>(E)</u>	is a public utility; or
351		<u>(F)</u>	is an authorized agent of any of these.
352	(2)	The 1	following activities are not subject to this Section (except
353		subse	ection (f)) and do not require a right-of-way permit:
354		<u>(A)</u>	cutting or clearing a public utility right-of-way or land for
355			an electric generating station licensed under Sections 7-
356			204, 7-205, 7-207, or 7-208 of the Public Utilities Article
357			of the Maryland Code, or any successor provision, if:
358			(i) any required certificate of public convenience and
359			necessity has been issued under Section 5-1603(f) of
360			the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code
361			or any successor provision; and
362			(ii) the cutting or clearing is conducted in a way that
363			minimizes the loss of forest;
364		<u>(B)</u>	routine maintenance of a public utility right-of-way, and
365			cutting or clearing any tree by a public utility as necessary
366			to comply with applicable vegetation management

367			requ	irements or to maintain, repair, replace, or upgrade
368			any j	public utility transmission or distribution line; or
369		<u>(C)</u>	cutti	ng or clearing a public utility right-of-way or land for
370			a new transmission or distribution line.	
371	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	<u>A li</u>	censed tree expert need not obtain a right-of-way
372			perm	nit for tree work performed on:
373			<u>(i)</u>	a tree that is uprooted or severely damaged because
374				of a storm or vehicular collision;
375			<u>(ii)</u>	a tree branch that is broken and contacts a
376				telephone, cable television, electric power, or other
377				wire carrying electric current; or
378			<u>(iii)</u>	a tree or tree branch that a licensed tree expert finds
379				immediately endangers a person or property.
380		<u>(B)</u>	A_lie	censed tree expert who provides tree work under
381			subp	aragraph (A) must, within one week after an action is
382			taker	, give the Department:
383			<u>(i)</u>	notice of the property address, if available, and
384				general area where the action was taken; and
385			<u>(ii)</u>	a proposed plan to upgrade the work, if necessary, to
386				the tree work standards in this Section and
387				applicable regulations.
388			<u>The</u>	Department must approve, modify, or reject the
389			propo	osed plan, after reviewing the actions taken, within 14
390			days	after receiving the information. If the Department
391			does	not act on the proposed plan within 14 days, the plan
392			is ap	proved by default. The Department may require
393			<u>furthe</u>	er information, and may extend this deadline once for

394			an additional 15 days in extenuating circumstances. The			
395		Director also may extend this deadline at the request of the				
396			applicant.			
397	<u>(c)</u>	Basis of permit. The Department may issue a right-of-way permit if the				
398		appli	cant shows that the proposed tree work is necessary to:			
399		<u>(1)</u>	protect the health of the tree;			
400		<u>(2)</u>	eliminate or reduce a hazard to property, public safety, or health;			
401		<u>(3)</u>	improve or prevent a deteriorated tree condition;			
402		<u>(4)</u>	improve the overall appearance of the right-of-way; or			
403		<u>(5)</u>	carry out a development which has received all other applicable			
404			development approvals.			
405	<u>(d)</u>	<u>Tree</u>	protection plan.			
406		<u>(1)</u>	The Department must not issue a right-of-way permit for tree			
407			work under Section 49-35 until the applicant has submitted, and			
408			the Department has approved, a site-specific tree protection plan			
409			that requires the applicant to take all necessary measures to			
410			protect, and minimize damage during development to, any			
411			affected roadside tree.			
412		<u>(2)</u>	If the advice or consent of any County department, in its role as			
413			owner of or otherwise responsible for the care of any tree in a			
414			County right-of-way, is needed or requested before the state			
415			Department of Natural Resources may act on a permit allowing			
416			tree work on a tree in a County right-of-way, that County			
417			department must not give its advice or consent until the			
418			Department of Permitting Services has approved a tree protection			
419			plan under this subsection, Section 8-26, or Section 19-71.			

420		<u>(3)</u>	<u>The</u>	<u>Depar</u>	tment must approve or reject each proposed tree
421			prote	ction	plan within 30 days after receiving it. If the
422			Depa	ırtment	t does not act on a proposed plan within 30 days, the
423			plan	<u>is appr</u>	oved by default. The Department may require further
424			infor	mation	after a proposed plan is submitted, and may extend
425			this c	<u>leadlin</u>	e once for an additional 15 days to receive any needed
426			infor	mation	. The Department also may extend this deadline at
427			the re	equest (of the applicant.
428	<u>(e)</u>	<u>Tree</u>	replac	ement.	
429		<u>(1)</u>	Each	permi	ttee who removes a roadside tree in a County right-of-
430			way	must:	
431			<u>(A)</u>	plant	a tree from the recommended County tree list in a
432				Coun	ty right-of-way, at or near the location of the original
433				tree,	which is suitable to that location, unless the Director
434				waive	es this requirement because:
435				<u>(i)</u>	compliance at the particular site would not be
436					feasible; or
437				<u>(ii)</u>	the removed tree was already dead or posed a
438					danger to persons or property; and
439			<u>(B)</u>	pay a	n amount into a Street Tree Planting Fund maintained
440				by the	e Department of Transportation, unless the Director
441				waive	es this requirement because the removed tree was
442				alreac	ly dead or posed a danger to persons or property, at a
443				rate s	set by regulation that will allow the Department of
444				Trans	portation to plant 2 more suitable replacement trees,
445				<u>or 3 r</u>	more replacement trees if the Director has waived the
446				on-sit	e planting requirement because compliance at the

447			particular site would not be feasible, at suitable locations in			
448			the right-of-way of a public road in the County.			
449		<u>(2)</u>	The permittee must pay the required amount within 30 days after			
450			the Director notifies the permittee that the payment is required.			
451		<u>(3)</u>	<u>The</u>	Department of Transportation must use funds in the Street		
452			Tree	Planting Fund only to plant trees in the right-of-way of a		
453			publi	c road in the County, and must not use funds received under		
454			this s	subsection to hire additional County staff or to supplant funds		
455			other	wise appropriated for that purpose.		
456		<u>(4)</u>	In lo	cating, selecting, and planting trees under this subsection, the		
457			Depa	rtment must:		
458			(A)	give highest priority to those areas of the County, such as		
459				central business districts and other urban and suburban		
460				areas, that have relatively low tree canopy coverage; and		
461			<u>(B)</u>	take every reasonable measure to avoid interference with		
462				utility transmission and distribution lines.		
463	<u>(f)</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>lside tr</u>	ee planting.		
464		<u>(1)</u>	<u>In th</u>	is Section, recommended County tree list means a list of		
465			trees	approved by the Director after consulting the Department of		
466			Trans	sportation. The list must only include trees that are also on		
467			the S	tate recommended tree list and must include each tree that		
468			the I	Director identifies as suitable for planting on specific sites		
469			and c	onditions in the right-of-way of a public road in the County.		
470		(2)	Any	tree that any person plants on a public right-of-way must be		
471			a spe	cies and variety listed on the recommended County tree list		
472			and n	nust conform to the American Standard for Nursery Stock.		

473	<u>(g)</u>	Enfo	rcement. In addition to any other procedure or remedy allowed by
474		law,	the Director may issue a stop work order to prevent or correct any
475		viola	tion of this Section or any permit issued or plan approved under
476		<u>this</u>	Section. Sections 8-20 and 8-22 apply to any stop work order
477		issue	ed under this Section.
478	<u>(h)</u>	Regu	ulations. The County Executive must adopt regulations under
479		Meth	nod (2) to administer this Section that are at least as stringent as
480		appli	cable state roadside tree care standards and requirements. These
481		regul	ations may include:
482		<u>(1)</u>	criteria and procedures to issue, deny, modify, suspend, or revoke
483			permits for work on roadside trees;
484		<u>(2)</u>	tree work standards and practices needed to protect and maintain
485			roadside trees, including construction practices needed to prevent
486			or minimize damage to roadside trees; and
487		<u>(3)</u>	supplementary roadside tree planting requirements and
488			specifications, and criteria and procedures needed to administer
189			the Street Tree Planting Fund.
190	<u>Sec. 2.</u>	Effe	ctive Date. This Act takes effect on March 1, 2014, and applies to
191	any permit a	pplied	1 for under Chapter 8, Chapter 19, or Section 49-35 on or after that
192	date.		

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